Achievement Program's Newest MMR

W. ALLEN McCLELLAND

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Our newest MMR's name is one most hobbyists will recognize—he's W. Allen McClelland, 44, of West Carrollton, Ohio. Born in Cincinnati, Allen moved to the Dayton area in 1939 and has lived there ever since. He and his wife, Beverly, have three children—Kelly, Bradley and Patrick. Allen works for the Dayton Sure Grip and Shore Co., makers of concrete construction hardware, where he is responsible for in-plant printing and advertising.

Allen's famed Virginian and Ohio railroad (one cannot, in good conscience, use the inadequate term "layout") had its roots in an early American Flyer S gauge train set. Construction of accurate rolling stock and structures for that train set brought Allen into contact with scale model railroading, and he switched to HO scale in 1950. The development of Allen's design and operating concepts and growth of his modeling skills from his early Miami Valley to the present V&O have been well covered in the hobby press. His recent series of articles in Railroad Model Craftsman is particularly worth reading.

Allen has been very active in the NMRA, serving in offices ranging from Division Superintendent to Publicity Chairman of the 1975 Dayton National Convention. He is currently President of the Mid-Continent Region. He has won several Regional model contest awards and a photography award at the 1966 Cincinnati National Convention. He earned his MMR Award with Achievement Certificates for Cars, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Association Volunteer and Author. Allen's main goal now is one that many MMRs have in common—to share with others the pleasures of our hobby. By showing us his work in hobby publications and at convention clinics, Allen has been inspiring the rest of us for many years.